

In the Specification

Amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, as follows:

~~Fig. 1A~~Fig. 1 depicts a wire bond of the present invention having a wire bond barb on its insertion end with a wire barb diameter at least equal to the wire diameter.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, as follows:

~~Fig. 1B depicts a wire bond of the present invention having a wire bond barb on its insertion end with a wire barb diameter less than the wire diameter.~~